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BELGRADE FOR USDEL CSCE

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SUBJECT: FINAL GOS COMMENTS ON CSCE BEFORE BELGRADE CONFERENCE
OPENING

1. TOP GOS FOREIGN POLICY OFFICIALS TOOK THE OCCASION
THIS PAST WEEK TO SUMMARIZE SWEDEN'S VIEWS ON AND HOPES
FOR THE BELGRADE CSCE FOLLOW-UP MEETING BEGINNING ON
JUNE 15. SPEAKING TO THE PRESS ON JUNE 9, MFA SECRETARY
GENERAL LEIF LEIFLAND SAID THE ATMOSPHERE "IS MUCH MORE
POSITIVE BEFORE THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE THAN IT WAS
BEFORE THE HELSINKI MEETING" TWO YEARS AGO. "SWEDEN
BELIEVES IT MOST ESSENTIAL THAT THE FOLLOW UP ON
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT NOT TURN INTO
A TRIBUNAL, BUT A FACTUAL REVIEW OF WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED
THUS FAR. SWEDEN BELIEVES THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BEGIN WITH
A GENERAL DEBATE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, FOLLOWED BY
METHODICAL REVIEW OF THE RECORD OF IMPLEMENTATION
IN COMMITTEES. SWEDEN HAS PROMISED TO BE VERY OUT-
SPOKEN AND WILL NOT HESITATE TO CRITICIZE. AT THE
SAME TIME WE WILL NOT DISCUSS, FOR EXAMPLE, INDIVIDUAL
REUNIFICATION CASES." LEIFLAND ADDED THAT SWEDISH
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CONTACT WITH SEVERAL EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES OVER
THE PAST 18 MONTHS HAS RESULTED IN THE SUCCESSFUL
CONCLUSION OF 73 FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASES.

2. IN ADDRESSING VISITING POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER
WOJTASZEK ON JUNE 8, FOREIGN MINISTER KARIN SODER
SAID SWEDEN WAS UNIFIED WITH OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

IN A JOINT RESOLVE TO MAKE THE MEETING AS SUCCESSFUL AS POSSIBLE. SHE SAID THE TASK AT BELGRADE IS TO UNDERTAKE A THOROUGH EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT AND TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO FURTHER PEACE AND DETENTE IN EUROPE. SWEDEN, SHE SAID, BELIEVES IT NECESSARY TO DISCUSS HOW PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES HAE FULFILLED THEIR OBLIGATIONS AND IS PREPARED TO LISTEN TO THE VIEWS OF OTHERS ON HOW SWEDEN ITSELF HAS CARRIED OUT ITS OBLIGATIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, SHE SAID, SWEDEN WANTS A CONSTRUCTIVE MEETING WHICH LOOKS FORWARD AND DOES NOT DEVELOP INTO A FORUM FOR EXCHANGES OF ACCUSATIONS AND IMPUTATIONS.

3. GOS DELEGATION TO THE PREPARATORY MEETING WILL BE HEADED BY AMBASSADOR BERTIL ARVIDSON AND INCLUDE AMBASSADOR CAI MELIN, JAN LUNDVIK, AND KRESTIN ASP-JOHNSSON. IN ADDITION, AMBASSADOR AXEL LEWENHAUPT AND FIRST SECRETARY NILS ROSENBERG OF THE SWEDISH EMBASSY IN BELGRADE WILL PARTICIPATE. MFA SECRETARY GENERAL LEIFLAND WILL NOT ATTEND ANY PORTION OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING.

4. COMMENT: AS THE EMBASSY HAS POINTED OUT ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, MOST SWEDISH VIEWS ON CSCE ISSUES LARGELY COINIDE WITH THOS OF THE US. AS A RESPECTED NEUTRAL DETERMINED TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE AT BELGRADE, WE THINK THE SWEDES ARE PREPARED TO BE HELPFUL TO OUR INTERESTS, PARTICULARLY IF EXTENSIVE BRIDGEBUILDING

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BECOMES NECESSARY. WE ARE AWARE THAT ARVIDSON AND OTHER GOS DELEGATION MEMBERS ARE ANXIOUS FOR CLOSE AND FREQUENT CONTACT WITH THE US DELEGATION, AND WE ASSUME THE LATTER WILL BE PREPARED TO RESPOND ACCORDINGLY.

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